



## CITY OF ASHEVILLE ANIMAL PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The City of Asheville requires all residents to obtain a **permit** for any household keeping seven or more animals. Small domesticated rodents, small birds, amphibians, fish and reptiles are not included in this requirement. A **permit** is also required for residents wishing to keep bees, fowl or livestock including goats, horses, ponies and exotic pets. To review the Asheville Animal Control Ordinance please visit <http://bit.ly/1ejic2k>.
2. A permit application can be obtained either online at the above-noted address, in-person at the Asheville Police Station located at 100 Court Plaza, or by calling Animal Services at (828) 259-5872 to request the application by mail.

It is important to complete the application in its entirety. Check all permit types that apply; for example, if you wish to keep one goat, two ducks and four dogs, you would be required to obtain three permits (livestock, fowl and multiple animal as the total exceeds six). There is a fee of \$25 for each Permit. Completed applications with related fees can be either brought to City Hall, Room 100 or mailed to: City of Asheville, Finance Department, Room 100, PO Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802. Checks should be made payable to 'City of Asheville'.

3. Upon receipt of the application, Animal Services staff will:
  - Call to arrange an inspection to evaluate the furnishings and healthful condition provided for the proposed animal(s). This generally does not apply to bees.
  - Animal Services staff will determine the potential need to conduct possible interviews with neighbors and other interested parties in an effort to verify the keeping of said animal(s) does not constitute a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of other persons residing near the property.
  - A Permit will be issued by the Animal Control Administrator based on finding the animal(s) can be kept humanely and in such number and in such manner as not to constitute a threat to the health, safety or welfare of other persons residing near the property.
4. Permits must be renewed annually for a fee of \$25.00 each.
5. With the exception of bee and fowl permits, continuation inspections may be required annually (on a case-by-case basis).
6. Please note the following requirements:
  - A permit may be revoked at any time for non-compliance for any violation of its terms or any violation of applicable laws protecting or regulating animals or property/zoning.
  - Should a permit be revoked, the animal(s) in violation must be removed from the premises by the owner within 7 days.
  - Livestock and bees may not be kept within 100 feet of any household other than that of the owner at any time.
  - The keeping of a cage or pen constructed and used for the purpose of restraining animals or fowl within ten feet of the outer limits of the lot upon which the cage or pen is situated; provided, however, this setback requirement shall not be applicable where the placing of the cage or pen within the ten-foot area does not result in locating the cage or pen within 50 feet of the nearest household occupied by persons other than the owner or keeper of the cage or pen. (Section 3-9 (a)(3)). Cages or pens must have both sides and tops for compliance.
  - Roosters are prohibited.
  - Temporary permits should be issued for the purpose of keeping goats for purposes of brush clearance and not regular ownership.

**If you have any questions, please call Animal Services at (828) 259-5872**



**ASHEVILLE  
ANIMAL SERVICES  
(828) 252-1110**

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

**TYPE OF PERMIT**

☐ BEES    ☐ SEVEN OR MORE ANIMALS    ☐ LIVESTOCK    ☐ FOWL  
☐ 14-DAY GOAT

**APPLICANT DETAILS:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Address where animals will reside if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

**ANIMAL INFORMATION:**

	TYPE	AGE	SEX	SPAYED NEUTERED Y/N	* TEMP/ PERM	BREED	NAME
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
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*\* TEMPORARY (30 DAYS OR LESS)      PERMANENT (IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS)*

**TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS REQUESTED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF ANIMALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ENCLOSURE DETAILS** *(describe fence height and type, lot size and enclosure size where the animals will be housed)* \_\_\_\_\_

**WHERE WILL ANIMALS BE MAINTAINED?** ☐ INDOORS    ☐ OUTDOORS    **DETAILS** \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERINARIAN USED** \_\_\_\_\_

If this permit is granted, I agree to conform to all terms and conditions and all local and state laws with regard to the keeping of animals. I further understand that upon expiration / revocation, the animal(s) must be removed from the premises within (7) days. I agree to allow reasonable inspections as described in Sec. 3-8 of the Animal Control Ordinance.

**Applicant's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Amt Paid: _____	Expiration Date: _____	Rec'd by: _____
Cash	Check	Credit Card
		Other